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ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 22, 2011 1:00-2:00 p.m. ST 211

Present: Murray Knuttila, Greg Finn, Pat Beard, Francine McCarthy, Russell Johnston, Coral Mitchell, Sebastian Prins, Aaron Harpwood, Pat Debly, Don Cyr, Alan Castle, John Lye, Maureen Connolly, Trish Greydanus

Guests: Douglas Kneale, Rick Cheel, Hichem Ben-el-Mechaiekh, Jean Bridge, David Hughes

Absent: Amanda Karr

1. BA-Game Design (Statement of Intent)

BSc-Game Programming (Statement of Intent)

- -Both degrees are to be part of an articulation agreement with Niagara College with a hoped for start of September 2012
- -The program descriptions are not complete as final details are being worked out with the College regarding their portion of the agreement
- -Resources are not in place yet, as indicated by Dean Kneale
- -The question of whether the proposals were major modifications or new programs was extensively discussed with reference to the IQAP requirements.
- -IASC has a BA degree with a concentration in Gaming while COSC does not, although many COSC courses use gaming elements
- -There are three possibilities:
 - -New Program requires a full external review
 - -Somewhat New Program may undergo an expedited process without external review
 - -Major Modification does not require a review, ARC can decide
- -It was decided that Greg Finn would also ask Marilyn Rose for her interpretation of the IQAP on this issue as she was involved in its formulation
- -ARC will take this item under consideration at a future meeting and try to resolve the way forward for these proposals

2. Computer Science – Reviewer's Report and Responses

- -The strengths and weaknesses of the program as indicated in the Reviewer's Report were discussed
- -Dean Rick Cheel went through the recommendations of the report giving clarification and information to the Committee on each one
- -As the new Dean of Mathematics and Science is starting January 1, 2012 some issues will necessarily be postponed until his tenure
- -Pat Beard will draft a Final Assessment Report based on the discussion at ARC and bring it forward to another meeting for review

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.